

## **NOTICE REGARDING HEARINGS ON REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENTS AND THE REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENT PROJECT**

The Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia welcomes an exciting new pro bono opportunity, The Reaffirmation Project, which was developed by the Bankruptcy Section of the Atlanta Bar Association in collaboration with the Atlanta Legal Aid Society. The Reaffirmation Project will provide free counseling to unrepresented debtors seeking to enter into reaffirmation agreements. The goal of the project is to enable pro se debtors to make informed decisions about reaffirmation. After attending a training session, volunteer attorneys will provide on-site counseling to pro se debtors prior to scheduled hearings on reaffirmation agreements held in the **Atlanta Division**.

The Reaffirmation Project Debtor Information Packet is posted on the Office of the Clerk page of the Court's web site, under "Public Resources."

In order to assist with The Reaffirmation Project, the Court will schedule all hearings on reaffirmation agreements in **Atlanta Division cases** on a single day before the same judge, regardless of which judge is assigned to the case.

-The single hearing date for all reaffirmation agreements filed in **Atlanta Division cases** can be found on any of the judges' open calendar dates pages.

-When self-calendaring a hearing on a reaffirmation agreement in an **Atlanta Division case**, please use the correct hearing date and **DO NOT** use a regular mass calendar date.

-A new form of hearing notice is available on our website for use in setting hearings on reaffirmation agreements **in Atlanta Division cases only**. This notice informs the debtor of the availability of the pro bono counseling service and requests that the debtor bring certain documents with them to the hearing. **PLEASE DO NOT USE THE NEW HEARING NOTICE TO SET HEARINGS IN CASES FILED IN THE ROME, GAINESVILLE, OR NEWNAN DIVISIONS.**